

COUNTY SOCIETIES

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Medical Association (reported by C. L. McVey, secretary-treasurer)—The general meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held on April 17, 1922, at the Public Health Center.

George Rothganger presented a case of infantile paralysis in a boy who has been operated on for correction of the deformity in the lower extremities, resulting from a former infection.

A. A. Alexander read a paper on "Some Common Heart Arrhythmias." Recent development of interest in arrhythmia has led to elaborate instrumental investigation. Basing our efforts upon the material so provided we may diagnose many arrhythmias by simple bedside investigation. Alexander emphasized the importance of recognition of beginnings of diseased state as an aid to restoration; of the anatomy and physiology; of mechanism, etiology and recognition of (1) tachycardia; (2) heart block; (3) auricular flutter; (4) auricular fibrillation.

Mr. P. L. Ansell discussed "The Value of Tele-roentgenograms in diseases of the cardio-vascular system. (1) limitation of the fluoroscopic method of examination; (2) comparison of the Groedel Barden and Friedlander methods of heart measurements and the types of cases in which tele-roentgenographic measures are of greatest value as an aid to diagnosis; (3) the value of combining two of the above methods, based on a series of cases in institutional work and private patients.

The Secretary read resolutions of condolence in the case of the death of Joseph Medros. The committee appointed to draw up the resolutions were Maher, U. C. Billingsly and James Hanley.

About twenty-one members of the Merritt Hospital staff made a trip to Fresno on May 2. A banquet was given to the visiting physicians by the staff of the Burnett hospital. The meeting of the Fresno County Medical Association was turned over to the visitors. Hubert Rowell read a paper on "Some Neglected Landmarks in Therapeutics." S. H. Buteau followed with a paper on "The Surgical Abdomen." Siefert read a paper on "X-ray Therapy." M. L. Emerson read a paper on the use of "Novocaine in Spinal Anesthesia."

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Cottage Hospital, Richmond, California—This hospital, under the management of Miss Agnes Driscoll, has recently been equipped with an electric sterilizing outfit.

VENTURA COUNTY

Big Sisters Hosital, Ventura—What was formerly known as the Bard Memorial Hospital is now known as the Big Sisters Hospital. It has a board of directors representing the Big Sisters organization, and its staff includes practically all of the members of the Ventura County Medical Society. Miss Mary Ferdinand, an experienced nurse, is superintendent of the hospital.

FRESNO COUNTY

Selma Sanitarium, Selma—This new hospital is nearing completion. The building consists of a half basement and first and second floors, with the usual space for general utility departments and office administration.

KERN COUNTY

Wasco Sanitarium—E. S. Fogg is erecting a small sanitarium near his office in Wasco, Kern County. The sanitarium will consist of five rooms and is connected with Dr. Fogg's office.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Los Angeles Radium and Oncologic Institute Opens Clinic For Those Unable to Pay—With the installation of the new deep X-ray therapy equipment and otherwise increasing the personnel and facilities of the Institute, the directors feel that it is desirable to establish a definite clinic for the study and treatment of appropriate indigent patients. There has been set aside approximately one-fourth of the facilities of the Radium, X-ray and Clinical laboratories to be devoted to this work. The clinic will be limited to ambulatory cases and will be conducted on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, from 9 to 10 o'clock. Members of the medical profession are cordially invited to visit the clinic that they may better familiarize themselves with the development of radiology and the diagnosis and treatment of neoplastic diseases and other appropriate conditions (Bulletin, Los Angeles County Medical Association, February 16, 1922).

Hollywood Community Hospital—This organization now owns its own lot and has \$245,000. They are going ahead with their plans to build in proportion to the total amount of money received by the selling of preferred stock with a guaranteed interest of 7 per cent and now earning common stock. Shareholders in both classes of stock have a say in the management of the institution. It is proposed that this hospital make the usual charges for service to those who are able to pay; those who cannot pay full rates shall pay as much as they can afford, even though this may be nothing at all. The balance in volume between full pay, part pay and absolutely free work will be maintained in accordance with the condition of the hospital's finances, it not being essentially a money-making proposition.

Long Beach Municipal Hospital—A movement is under way by the city of Long Beach to convert its present city hall into a municipal emergency hospital when the new city hall, now under construction, is completed.

Hermosa Beach—The Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach Chambers of Commerce have endorsed the proposition of Carl Anderson, M. D., to open a sanitarium. Local physicians of Hermosa Beach have endorsed Dr. Anderson's plan for a general hospital.

Casa Del Mar Hospital, Venice—This hospital consists of twenty modern bungalows that will take care of three patients each, with a central general utility service arranged somewhat like the bungalow hotels of Southern California. The hospital is located on Venice boulevard, easily accessible to all parts of the Santa Monica bay district.

El Segundo Hospital—Mrs. Gregory has opened a five-bed hospital at El Segundo, California. The staff of the hospital consists of Doctors Harry H. Davis and C. M. Anderson of Hermosa Beach.

Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles—This hospital has recently been accredited by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the A. M. A. This is gratifying news to all medical men in the southern part of the State, and the Board of Trustees, officers and staff of that hospital are to be congratulated upon the splendid improvement they have made in the hospital during the last few years.

Children's Hospital, Los Angeles—The outpatient department of this splendid hospital is growing very rapidly. Last year the combined clinics handled 6,674 patients.

Los Angeles Orthopedic Hospital and School—This new hospital, costing \$150,000, was dedicated and opened to the public on April 17, 1922. The hospital and school will be operated by the Los Angeles Orthopedic Foundation. The beautiful

property on which the hospital is located was given by Mr. John Brockman, and Mrs. Anita Baldwin contributed \$50,000 of the cost of the building and equipment. Twelve thousand people have contributed small amounts, and more than four hundred of them were present at the opening exercises. Dr. C. L. Lowman is director of the institution.

MERCED COUNTY

New Method of Selecting Physician—The Merced Board of Irrigation has passed a resolution to ask physicians to submit their names for a one-dollar-a-month contract practice among the employees of the district, and to care for sicknesses that may arise in their various camps. The method of selecting is, to put the names of the various physicians (if any should so lower their standing as to apply) in a hat and shake it. Then a name will be drawn from the hat, and the physician whose name is drawn will be declared the official physician of the Merced Board of Irrigation. This is a particularly disgusting reflection upon the medical profession and, as one of our reporters from Merced County states, "It has all the earmarks of shaking dice for cigars."

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Riverside County Medical Society (reported by T. A. Card, secretary)—The County Medical Society met at the Mission Inn on April 10, 1922, with 35 members and 25 visitors present and 12 members absent. The occasion of the meeting was a complimentary dinner to President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University, given by the Board of Directors of the Riverside Community Hospital.

President Wilbur's subject at the meeting was "The Community Function of the Hospital." Dr. Wilbur stated that "the hospital is primarily the training center for health in a community. It is a real community enterprise, even though conducted on an independent basis by private individuals. The application of aseptic surgery, the contributions of the laboratory sciences to medical practice, the X-ray, etc., have all demanded a center in which they may operate to the economical service advantage of all the people. Such a hospital is also the radiating point for medical information. It is here that the physician, the student, the nurse, the patient and the public all come together with a common purpose. Community welfare depends upon the physician more than upon the politician."

Dr. E. N. Wood, superintendent of the County Hospital, has been granted leave of absence for one year, and A. W. Jones will occupy the office of superintendent during this period.

Hemet Hospital—J. A. Ramsay, M. D., has assumed control of Hillcrest Sanitarium at Hemet, relieving Dr. Gregory, who formerly had charge of the institution.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Santa Clara County Medical Society (reported by E. P. Cook, secretary)—The Santa Clara County Medical Society, the County Dental Society and the Bar Association of Santa Clara County held a joint meeting on April 19 in the banquet hall of the Commercial Club at San Jose. Samuel G. Tomkins, president of the new San Jose Hospital board of directors, presided. Short talks were given by George B. Little, president of the County Dental Association; Raymond C. Wayland, president of the County Medical Society; Hon. John E. Richards, Judge of the Appellate Court of California, and James B. Bullitt.

[Editor's Note—The Santa Clara County Medical Society is to be congratulated upon its activities and particularly upon initiating this form of meeting between members of three great professions.]

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

San Bernardino County Medical Society (reported by E. J. Eytinge, secretary)—The society met at the County Hospital, San Bernardino, with thirty members, twenty dentists and ten guests present, and forty members absent.

George W. Clark and J. S. Reekie were elected to membership. Charles P. Engel transferred from Calexico.

Goodman A. Miller, D.D.S., presented a paper on "Radiographic History of a Case of Osteomyelitis of Entire Mandible."

William B. Bowman of Los Angeles discussed "Fractured Vertebrae," and Ellis Jones of Los Angeles discussed the "Treatment of Club Feet."

This was an interesting combination meeting of the Medical and Dental Societies and scientific problems of common interest were discussed by both organizations.

Health and Medical Work in San Bernardino County—San Bernardino County has adopted the best method possible as a nucleus upon which a program of public health and medical improvement can be based. They have combined the positions of county health officer, county physician and superintendent of the county hospital into one position and have employed upon a strictly full-time basis a physician, Dr. Lenker, to fill these three positions.

They have furthermore placed upon salary an assistant to Dr. Lenker upon full time, Dr. Vickers.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Medical Society (reported by Robert Pollock)—The physicians of San Diego are considering an opportunity to enjoy their own building with the space devoted entirely to offices of physicians and dentists and tenants acceptable to them. Ground will be broken within a month for a six-story building facing on Fifth, Sixth and B streets, to contain a theater entrance and store rooms on the ground floor, and offices on the floors above. The owners are willing to make of it a physicians' building and name it such, provided 80 per cent of the floor space will be contracted for. The location is an ideal one, situated in the heart of the shopping district. The owners, as we understand, are willing also to provide free of rental a library room and auditorium for the medical and dental societies. It reflects the fact that the members of these professions make good and permanent tenants.

The San Diego Society is sending a good delegation to the Yosemite meeting of the State Society.

The last meeting of the County Medical Society was held in the auditorium at St. Joseph's Hospital on Tuesday, April 25, and discussed as the paper of the evening the treatment of asthma in all its bearings. The essayist was R. A. Kocher.

The newly installed staff of the San Diego County General Hospital consists of the following: Samuel Stallard, University of Virginia; E. O. Rowley, University of New Zealand; Gladys Rowley, University of New Zealand; Gwendolyn Stewart, College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda and Los Angeles.

In the passing of Dr. E. M. Fly, the San Diego profession and the county society lost a much valued member; one whose counsels were ever sought and prized in times of public crises when the well-trained and experienced medical man alone could guide and guard the public health. The Bulletin hopes in the near future to present a brief biography of our lamented brother. Meanwhile the Bulletin anticipates the action of the society in properly recording in its own transactions the sense of the loss it has sustained.—R. P. (Bulletin of the San Diego County Medical Society.)

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

San Francisco County Medical Society—At the meeting of April 18, E. B. Towne read a paper on the value of cerebral pneumograms in the localization of intracranial lesions. He reviewed Dandy's work, and presented five illustrative case reports.

In three cases of obstructive hydrocephalus from 500 to 1500 cc. of ventricular fluid were replaced by air. Roentgenograms of the infants' heads showed the disease to be due to occlusion of (1) the foramina of Magendie and Luschka, (2) the aqueduct of Sylvius, and (3) the right foramen of Monro. New foramina were made for the first two patients, but, though the operations were well borne, the hydrocephalus was not cured, and both died in a few weeks. The third patient died of shock following extirpation of the choroid plexus. In these three cases the disease was far advanced; Dandy has shown that before the ventricles are greatly dilated the points of obstruction can be attacked with a fair chance of success.

The two brain tumor cases were more important. The first patient had increased intracranial pressure and major epilepsy, without localizing signs. The pneumogram showed that no air passed into the left lateral ventricle. At operation a large gliomatous cyst in the left temporal lobe was evacuated. Six months later the patient was working and considered herself perfectly well. In the second case major epilepsy began in the thirty-second year, without increased intracranial pressure or localizing signs. Roentgenograms disclosed a calcified tumor in the right frontal lobe. Pneumograms were done to try to demonstrate whether the tumor was attached to the meninges at the base or lateral wall; but they gave no help, for no air passed into the right lateral ventricle. At operation a calcified glioma was partially removed. Three months later the patient was having occasional epileptic attacks. Had the tumor not been calcified it could have been diagnosed only by the pneumogram. Such patients are probably not infrequently treated as cases of idiopathic epilepsy.

The conclusions were that cerebral pneumography was devoid of harmful effects in these five cases; that it was valuable in detecting the point of occlusion in obstructive hydrocephalus; and that it was the essential diagnostic method in the localization of tumors lying in silent areas of the brain.

City Board of Health Budget—The City Board of Health budget for the coming fiscal year has been submitted and totals \$4,000,000. This budget includes \$15,000 for radium, \$11,000 for a building to house women discharged from State institutions, \$1,500,000 for new buildings at the Relief Home, and \$500,000 for a new Board of Health building.

University of California Student Hospital—The present "Infirmary," located on the campus of the University at Berkeley, has been declared inadequate, and plans are under way to construct a new hospital of 100 beds, to be used by faculties and students of the university. Robert T. Legge, M. D., is director of this hospital.

St. Luke's Hospital—St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, announces that it is now equipped with a modern deep therapy X-ray apparatus which has ability to produce a voltage of 280,000 volts.

Dr. Alfred C. Reed has resigned as medical director of the Ross Sanitarium.

SOLANO COUNTY

Benicia Arsenal Hospital—Money has been appropriated and plans and specifications are being prepared for the construction of a hospital in Benicia Arsenal.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

San Joaquin County Medical Society (reported by Dewey R. Powell, secretary)—The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the State Hospital Friday evening, April 14. In the absence of the president, Margaret Smythe, second vice-president, presided. Those present were: Margaret Smythe, L. Dozier, Grace McCoskey, F. J. Conzelman, E. L. Blackmun, H. C. Price, H. E. Sanderson, J. W. Barnes, W. Friedberger, E. L. Tretheway, J. E. Nels, E. A. Arthur, A. H. McLeish, N. E. Williamson, C. D. Holliger, J. P. Hull, H. Smythe, D. R. Powell, with W. H. Kellogg and E. C. Dickson of San Francisco as guests.

The first paper was given by E. C. Dickson on the subject of "Botulism." He spoke of the recent interest through the outbreak three years ago in the east which was due to California ripe olives and resulted in widespread newspaper publicity which crippled the olive business for a period of two years. As a matter of fact botulism was well described in 1735 and in 1802 was the subject of public health reports in German cities.

The bacillus botulinus is a spore bearer and an anaerobe and withstands 245 degrees heat for 35 minutes. Furthermore its toxin is not destroyed by gastric juices. The bacteria do not produce toxin in the body but it develops in preserved food before eating. He showed the small proportion of infected cans in 1917, 1918 and 1920 by stating that out of 91,912,000 cans of olives fourteen cans only were known to have been infected. Since 1889 not over 200 jars of all kinds of preserved food have been known to have been infected and in 1917 alone 850,000,000 home-canned containers for home-canned materials were sold. Preventive measures have been established by care on the part of the commercial canner under Government regulations together with the education of the individual housewife through public channels. During the discussion Dickson answered many questions and spoke of some of the symptoms. In the first twenty-four hours there is general malaise, double vision, dizziness. In thirty hours ptosis, dilated pupil, paralysis in talking and swallowing, muscle weakness, no pain, no sensory disturbances, death from respiratory failure and the mortality is from 60 per cent to 100 per cent. Clinically the use of antitoxin has been disappointing because not given early enough.

The next speaker was W. H. Kellogg, who spoke on the control of diphtheria. He mentioned the decrease in the mortality rate from 64 per cent to around 8 or 10 per cent with use of antitoxin, but that there are still about 200,000 cases per year with some 20,000 deaths. The main method of spreading the disease is by the healthy carrier or by the case in which the diagnosis has been missed. Most of the deaths are due to the delay in calling help, and Kellogg emphasized the necessity of giving antitoxin early without waiting for a laboratory report in suspicious cases and of giving adequate initial doses, wherever possible, intravenously. In the control of diphtheria the matter of educating the public to be suspicious of sore throats and care for them early was emphasized as well as establishing immunity by toxin antitoxin method. Over 100,000 such cases have been treated in New York City with no bad results. This test is of great importance to children as the older one gets the more immunity is established. Kellogg also mentioned a test he is using. This consists in injecting the blood of a guinea pig which in cases of a susceptible patient gives a very quick reaction in a few hours; quicker results than the Schick test. Numerous questions were answered and the chairman thanked both physicians for their courtesy in appearing before the society.

Second meeting of Medical Society (reported by D. R. Powell, secretary)—The meeting of May 12 of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the State Hospital. Those present were: R. T. McGurk, J. D. Dameron, A. H. McLeish, F. P. Clark, H. Smythe, Minerva Goodman, F. J. Conzelman, H. E. Sanderson, Grace McCoskey, Margaret Smythe, N. E. Williamson, L. Dozier, H. S. Chapman, C. F. English, D. R. Powell, and Kaplan of Stockton, with Richard W. Harvey and Julian M. Wolfsohn of San Francisco as guests.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the State hospitals for the insane and the Sonoma State Home for Feeble-minded comprise the medical division of the State's service; and

Whereas, we feel that the care and supervision of these institutions should be under the direction of a medical man; and

Whereas, Dr. John A. Rely, former Medical Superintendent of the Patton State Hospital, has been appointed to the position of Director of State Institutions; and

Whereas, on account of Dr. Rely's long and efficient service in the care and management of the insane, we are confident that the departments of the State's service under his jurisdiction will be conducted in an efficient and economical manner; be it

Resolved, that the San Joaquin County Medical Society at this meeting on May 12 commend Hon. William D. Stephens, Governor of the State of California, for appointing Dr. Rely; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Stephens.

The delegate to the California State Medical Society meeting in Yosemite Valley was instructed to introduce such resolution at the State meeting.

A motion was adopted instructing the secretary to write to the District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney, expressing the approval of the society over the diligent action of the officials in prosecuting individuals who are practicing medicine without a license.

Dr. Richard W. Harvey of San Francisco read a paper on "Combined System Disease." Harvey discussed very thoroughly the etiology, symptoms, differential diagnosis and pathological findings.

Julian M. Wolfsohn spoke on the "Clinical and Pathological Aspects of Lethargic Encephalitis." The author particularly emphasized the fact that lethargic encephalitis was an infection of the central nervous system of unknown origin and that the prognosis must be extremely guarded. Cure is not certain and relapses occur very easily and frequently and the only treatment is rest in bed over a minimum period of two months followed by another period of no work for six or eight months.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Santa Barbara County Medical Society (reported by A. C. Soper, Jr., Secretary)—The County Society held two meetings in April; one on the 10th with fifteen members and one visitor present and thirty-nine members absent; the other on the 24th with twenty-six members and three visitors present and twenty-eight members absent.

Albert Quincy Spaulding of Santa Barbara was elected to membership. Application of Jesse P. Truax of Lompoc was referred to the censors.

The society passed a unanimous resolution recommending that the City Council pass a resolution insuring a sane and safe Fourth of July.

H. O. Koefod read a paper on "Perforating Aneurysm of the Abdominal Aorta."

G. F. Farman, paper, presented by H. J. Profant, was on "The First 100 Cases Examined at the Santa Barbara Boys' Clinic."

The society invited Dr. Geiger of the U. S. Public Health Service to give a public lecture in Santa Barbara on "Botulism."

At the meeting on April 24, R. M. Clarke presented a paper on "Treatment of Constipation."

This paper elicited considerable discussion by many members.

H. J. Profant read a paper on "Suppurative Parotitis," which consisted of a critical review of literature.

Santa Maria Valley Hospital Association—This group association has been authorized to sell stock and to proceed with the construction of the Santa Maria Hospital. Lucas, Thorner, and Coblentz are the prime movers in this laudable ambition to secure a good hospital for Santa Maria.

Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara—This hospital has now completed the installation of a modern deep therapy X-ray department. The apparatus is capable of developing 280,000 volts, of which 200,000 volts are available.

YOLO COUNTY

Yolo County Medical Society (reported by Lela J. Beebe, secretary)—This report covers the meetings and activities of the society for March, April and May.

The society met on March 14 at the County Court House, Woodland. Those present were Bates, Beebe, F. R. Fairchild, Lawhead, Lawson, Goffin and Newton. Absent: Bransford, Craig, Desrosier, C. H. Fairchild, King, McManus, Parsons, Poage, Pulsifer and Ward.

Crawford of Sacramento read a paper on "Some Orthopedic Defects of Common Occurrence."

J. D. Lawson of Woodland and Keith of Williams were elected to membership.

Goffin, Blevins and Lawhead were elected to the Board of Censors.

Lawhead was appointed delegate to the State meeting in May.

W. E. Bates and H. D. Lawhead presented reports of their observations while attending the recent Medical Clinics at Rochester, Minn.

The Woodland Sanitarium has now available 65 mg. radium, which will be put to use at once.

The Woodland Sanitarium reports that, since its weekly Health Conferences for children were opened in February, 1921, 342 children under six and 92 children of school age have been given a physical examination here with recommendations regarding hygiene and correction of defects. Frequent return of these children for observation have brought the total of visits during this time up to 1100.

SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County Medical Society (reported by N. Juell, Secretary)—The monthly meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society was held on April 22 with nine members and two visitors present and twenty-nine members absent.

A number of interesting case reports were discussed at the meeting.

TULARE COUNTY

Tulare County Medical Society (reported by Elmo R. Zumwalt, secretary)—Tulare County Medical Society met on Sunday, April 23, 1922, at Hotel Johnson, Visalia. Following dinner the meeting was called to order by President A. W. Preston. There were twenty-two members present.

Following a few business items the speaker of the evening Miley Wesson of San Francisco gave a most interesting talk on the embryology of the bladder in its relation to present day diseases with especial reference to prostatic hypertrophy. The talk was enhanced by a series of excellent lantern slides.

C. A. Tillotson, M. D., of Dinuba, announced his candidacy at the coming primaries as a candidate for the State Assembly. Dr. Tillotson is a man who will fill such a position most capably and should receive the hearty support of the whole district.